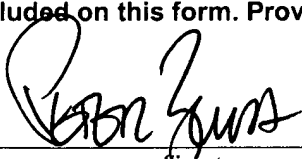



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Invention: <b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND STORAGE MEDIUM FOR THE SAME</b>					
<b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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